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DATE: May 6, 2021
TO: High School Students and Families
FROM: Jeff Lowell, District Athletics and Activities Director
RE: High school athletics update ([Chinese](#) | [Spanish](#))

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1. Final Week of Season 2 Sports

Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys Swim and Dive, Gymnastics, and Wrestling will conclude at the end of the week. Student athletes and parents should look for the End of Season Participation Survey from their school this week. Survey links will remain open through May 12.

Through Season 2, we remained focused on providing opportunities for student athletes to participate in their chosen athletic programs in a safe environment following all required mandates from the governor's office, the Department of Health, the WIAA and other regulatory agencies.

It is of vital importance that student athletes, coaches, athletic personnel, and parents/guardians follow current safety measures during this last week. Thank you for your support of our shared commitment to current safety measures. These efforts continue to make a difference in our community and will help us provide safe programs for high school students across the district. We are all excited as we prepare for the beginning of Season 3.

Should there be any change to a Season 2 sport due to a roll back to [Phase 2](#), each school's athletic department will communicate those changes with their community.

2. Potential of 'Reopening Rollback' to Phase 2

The state conducted its first review of the '[key indicators](#)' on April 12 and determined King County would remain in Phase 3. The second review of the 'key indicators' was May 3 and we expected that King County, along with many other counties across Washington would be moved back to Phase 2 in the state's phases of re-opening. Instead, the [Seattle Times reported](#) that "No county will move back — or forward — in the state's COVID-19 reopening plan for at least two weeks, Gov. Jay Inslee announced Tuesday."

For now, Season 3 sports will continue to be offered following Phase 3 guidelines. The next review is planned in two weeks, on May 17.

As a reminder to student athletes, parents/guardians, and coaches, low risk, moderate risk, and high contact sports can practice and compete while the county is in Phase 3.

Sport	Low/Moderate/High	Masking Requirement	Other notes
Baseball	Moderate Contact	All practices and competition	
Cheer (Contact)	High Contact	All practices and competition – exception for tumbling/stunting/flying	
Cheer (No-contact)	Low Contact	All practices and competition	
Dance/Drill (Contact)	High Contact	All practices and competition – exception for tumbling/stunting/flying	
Dance/Drill (No-contact)	Low Contact	All practices and competition	
Golf	Low Contact	All practices and competition	
Soccer	Moderate Contact	All practices and competition	
Softball (Fastpitch)	Moderate Contact	All practices and competition	
Tennis	Low Contact	All practices and competition	
Track & Field	Low Contact	All practices and competition – exception when racing	
Water Polo	High Contact	Worn any time an athlete is not in the water	Specific guidelines for competitions will be sent separately

We will provide updates to Spectator Guidelines for Season 3 athletic programs in school-based communications and in a separate document, posted on the [Athletic Department page](#).

The District continues to update our [COVID Dashboard](#), with the number of COVID-19 infections and close contacts in each school location over the last 14 days.

3. Updates and Safety Mandates

Updates to families will continue to include information about any changes to these mandates. Please remember that as mandates are released, we review and determine how each mandate may influence District programs. It is essential to remember that a school district cannot be less restrictive than any mandate, however, a school district always has the authority to be more restrictive when making decisions related to student safety.

We will continue to send updates to high school families through the end of the school year. After sending the updates, we will also post each one on the [Athletics and Activities](#) department page. Athletes and their families will continue to see more targeted communications from high school athletic departments and coaching staff prior to **and** throughout their scheduled seasons. Please be sure to review the previously released updates and the [Sports Season Guidelines 2020-21](#) to review the guidelines that athletic directors are using to build Season 3 opportunities.

We intend to continue these communications during the 2021-2022 school year. If you have additional questions, please contact the Athletics and Activities Department by email (lowellj@bsd405.org or arnonea@bsd405.org), phone (425-456-4010 or 425-456-4050) or [Let's Talk](#).

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4. 2020-2021 Archived Communications

Friday January 29, 2021		General update about KingCo Conference athletics
Thursday February 4, 2021:	Chinese Spanish	Registration, February Conditioning, Academic Eligibility
Thursday February 11, 2021:	Chinese Spanish	Waived Fees, KingCo scheduling, Non-WIAA season dates
Thursday February 18, 2021:	Chinese Spanish	Schedules, Spectators, Academic Eligibility, Try-Outs
Thursday February 26, 2021:	Chinese Spanish	Safety measures, Game Schedules, Spectators, Transportation
Spectator Plan for Season 1 Sports 2020-21	Chinese Spanish	Phase 2 Spectator Guidelines
Student Transportation for 2020-21 Seasons 1-3		Detailed guidance for transporting students to competitions and practice
Sports Season Guidelines 2020-21		KingCo Conference Safety Measures for 2020-2021
3/16/21 Athletic Director Update	Chinese Spanish	Season 1 updates, Transition to Phase 3,
Spectator Update 3/18/21		Phase 3 Spectator Guidelines – replaces Phase 2 Guidelines
4.5.21 Athletic Director Update	Chinese Spanish	Phase 3 Guidelines, Reopening Roll Back, Miscellaneous Items